I was a very smart child at the age of thirteen-an unusually smart child I thought at the time. It was then that I did my first newspaper scribbling. and, most unexpectedly to me, stirred up quite a sensation in the community. It did, indeed, and I was very proud of it. too.

I was a printer's "devil," and a prohad me on his paper, (the weekly Hanibal Journal, two dollars a year in advance, five hundred subscribers, and that paid in cord wood, cabbages and unmarketable turnips;) and on a lucky summer's day he left town to be gone a week, and asked me if I thought I could edit one issue of the paper judiciously. Ah! didn't I want to try?

Hinton was the editor of the rival paper. He was lately jilted, and one night a friend found an open letter on the poor fellow's bed, in which he stated that he could no longer endure life and had drowned himself in Bear creek. The friend ran down there and discovered Hinton wading back to the shore. He had concluded he couldn's

The village was full of it for several days, but Hinton did not suspect it. I thought this was my opportunity.

I wrote an elaborately wretched account of the whole affair, and then illustrated it with villainous wood cuts, engraved on the bottom of wood type with a jack kuife, one of them representing Hinton wading out in the creek in his shirt, with a lantern, sounding the depth of the water with a walking stick. I thought it was desperately funny, and was densely unconscious thrt there was any moral obliquity about such a publication.

Being satisfied with the effort, I looked about for other worlds to conquer, and it struck me that it would make good, interesting matter to charge the editor of a neighboring county paper with a gratuitous piece of rascality and see him squirm. I did it, putting the article in the form of a parody on the "Burial of Sir John Moore;" and a crude parody it was, too.

Then I lampooned two prominent citizens outrageously, not because they had done anything to deserve it, but because I thought it my duty to make the paper lively.

Next 'I gently touched the newest stranger-the lion of the day-the gorgeous journeyman tailor from Quincy. He was a simpering coxcomb of the , first water, and the "loudest dressed man in town." He was an inveterate lady killer. Every week he wrote some poetry for the Journal about his newest conquest. His rhymes for my week were headed, "Mary in H-1, meaning "Mary in Hannibal," o course.

But while I was setting up the piece I was suddenly riven from head to heel by what I regarded as a thunderbolt of humor, and compressed it into a snappy_foot note at the bottom,

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The paper came out, and I never knew anything to attract so much attention as those playful trifles of mine. Nov. 24, Dec. 28, '77, Jan. Nov. 17, Dec. 15, '77, Jan. 14, '78. For once the Hannibal Journal was in demand-a novelty it had not experienced before. The whole town was stirred.

Hinton dropped in with a shotgun early in the forenoon. When he found \$367,926 IN PRIZES ! that it was an infant, as he called me, that had done the damage, he pulled my ears, and then went away; but he hrew up his situation that night and whole Tickets \$10; Whole Tickets \$15; 50 Whole Tickets \$15; 50 Whole Tickets \$15; 50 The tailor came with his goose and pair of the tailor came with his goose and the tailor came with his g threw up his situation that night and left town for good.

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The lampooned citizens came with threats of libel, and went away incensed at my insignificance.

The county editor pranced in with a war whoop the next day, sufferieg for blood to drink; but he ended by forgiving me cordially, and invited me down to the drug store to wash away all animosity in a friendly bottle of "Fahnestock Lotion." It was his lit-

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But he softened when he looked at the accounts and saw that I had booked the unparalleled number of thirtythree new subscribers, and had the vegetables to show for it-cord wood eapbages, beans, and unsalable turgressive and aspiring one. My uncle nips enough to run the family for two

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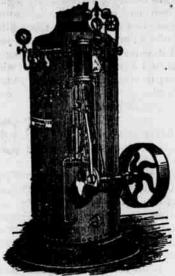
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